

# ***USAF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SPECIALIST***

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# IHS OVERVIEW



- **USAF IHS Initiative**
- **USAFE/EUCOM CONOPS**
- **Issues**



# IHS INITIATIVE - GOALS



- **Regionally focused medical readiness leaders**
- **Optimize mil-mil and mil-civ host nation interface**
- **Enhance medical force protection**
- **Support CSAF language proficiency goal**
- **Use AF FAO program as template**



# IHS INITIATIVE - OBJECTIVES



- IHS teams AOR-aligned
- Supports AEF/AEW unit level interface
- Focused on regional threats
- Maintain liaison
  - Regional CINC/SG
  - J-4 MRD
  - DOS
  - Others (NGOs, COEDM&HA)



# IHS INITIATIVE - TEAM MEMBERS



- **Qualified in core AFSC**
- **Retainable**
- **Language aptitude/proficient**
- **Regional experience**
- **PME appropriate for rank**
- **Worldwide qualified**
- **Security clearance (secret)**
- **Special experience identifiers**



# IHS INITIATIVE - OFFICERS



- **Language – basic and advanced**
- **Cultural orientation**
- **Area experience or academic training**
- **Advanced regional studies**
- **Interagency**
- **Joint training**
- **CINC/SG orientation**



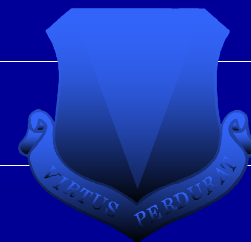
# USAFE IHS TEAM CONOPS



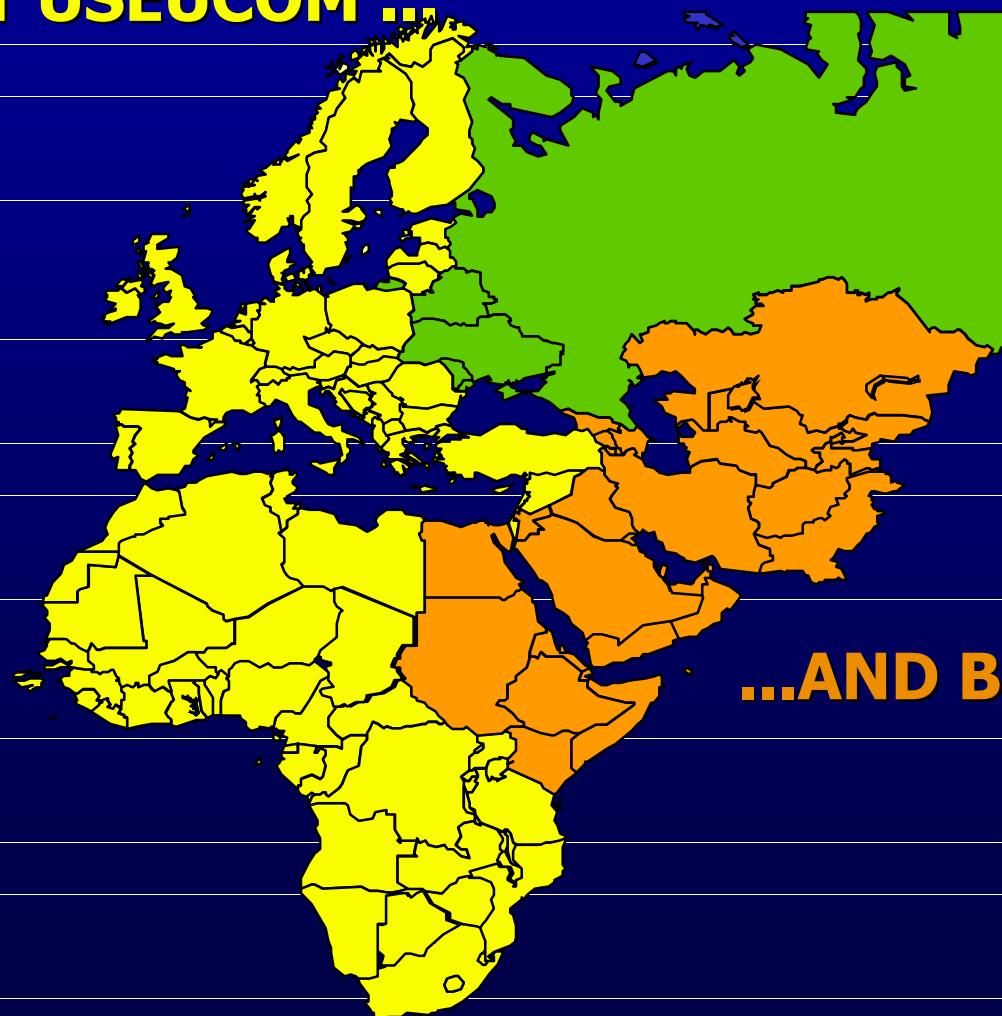
- **Assigned within USAFE AOR**
  - **Proximity to USAFE, EUCOM, major NGO headquarters**
  - **Exposure to current unified command focus**
  - **Postured to routinely support peacetime engagement and crisis action activities**
  - **Located at/near tactical/strategic (2005) airlift hub**
  - **Medical facilities for skills maintenance**
  - **CONUS-base team low priority for strat air**



# EUCOM AREA OF OPERATIONS



**THROUGHOUT USEUCOM ...**



**...AND BEYOND**







# USAFE IHS TEAM CONOPS



- **Responsibilities**

- **Medical resource for EUCOM/SG**
- **HAST and JTF member for 3AF HUMRO response**
- **Advisor to deploying units**
  - **Assist with exercise site visits**
  - **Guide in deliberate/crisis planning**
  - **Work issues at mission execution**
- **Interface with NGO leadership**
- **Interface with AOR defense attaché offices**



# USAFE IHS TEAM CONOPS



- **Required/preferred languages**
  - Africa – French, Arabic, German
  - Eurasia – Russian, Ukrainian, Serbo-Croat
- **Broad spectrum of capability**
  - Primary care
  - Preventive medicine
  - Surgical specialties



# USAFE IHS CONOPS



- **Engagements**
  - **MEDFLAG/MEDCEUR**
  - **Humanitarian relief operations**
  - **Non-combatant evacuation operations**
  - **Joint military exercises**
  - **Operation Provide Hope**
  - **NATO Partnership for Peace**
  - **Military Exercises**



# USAFE IHS CONOPS



- **Recommended Training**
  - **AFSOC area studies**
  - **Humanitarian/disaster relief operations**
  - **Marshall Center field studies**
  - **USUHS/other courses**
- **Orientations**
  - **NAF, USAFE/SG, EUCOM/SG**
  - **IGO, NGO headquarters**
  - **Allied senior medical staffs**



# USAFE IHS ISSUES



- **Refine CONOPS**
  - **Command/control**
  - **Position descriptions**
  - **Mission/training TDY requirements**
  - **Interaction with existing assets**
  - **Establish selection criteria**
- **Define annual budget requirements**



# IHS INITIATIVE



## QUESTIONS?



# CHALLENGES IN AFRICAN AOR



- **2<sup>nd</sup> largest continent, considerable distance from EUCOM**
- **Presently, 50 nations**
- **Population >600M, most in Sub-Saharan regions**
- **High birth (43/1000/yr) and death (13/1000/year) rates**
- **Most diverse with 3000+ ethnic groups**
- **Tremendous disease burden (malaria, TB, HIV)**
- **Continual social unrest, civil war, population movements**



# CHALLENGES IN EURASIAN AOR



- **Emerging democracies**
- **Conflict between diverse ethnic groups**
- **Increasing criminal influence**
- **Aging infrastructure**